**THE FRIENDS OF MUSIC OF BETHLEHEM**

**Moravian College, Dept of Music, BETHLEHEM, PA 18015**

**Discovering Excellence in Young Musicians**

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Dear Colleague:

It is my privilege to invite you to submit students for FOM’s annual competition to choose the Outstanding Young Artist of the Lehigh Valley.

Individual performers who wish to audition **must be prepared to present a 25-minute** **recital of music selected from the standard repertoire should they win the audition.** If chosen as a winner, they MUST perform to receive the monetary award. A short encore should also be available. Competitors must provide their own accompanists.

Applicants must submit an Audition Application and tape of their audition uploaded to Vimeo or Google by February 28, 2018. The Google link for the application is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/stbK3yWIbT31JO7y1>

Competitors **may not be over 19 years of age** (vocalists not over 20) and must reside or study in Lehigh or Northampton County. For the audition, competitors should be prepared to perform any of the selections chosen for the recital. Two selections of different styles should be submitted for their audition. The winner(s) will be presented in a formal public recital at 3:00 pm, **Sunday, April 29, 2018, a**t Wesley United Methodist Church, Center Street, Bethlehem.

***We will also recognize a “Rising Star,” a student who has studied less than 4 years. Although not selected as an overall winner, we intend to recognize talent and dedication as well as YOU as their teacher.***

The overall winner will receive a cash award of $600. At the discretion of the judges, a runner up may be awarded $300. In the event of a tie, the judges may recommend a joint recital with shorter playing times and the prizes divided accordingly. The winner(s) must perform to receive the monetary award.

The judges may choose to give no award if, in their opinion, no competitor is considered qualified. The decision of the judges will be final. All competitors receive written evaluations from the judges.

If you have any questions, please call me during office hours at 610-437-6000, x2101 or email me at [primrose40@aol.com](mailto:primrose40@aol.com) or call me in the evening at 215-538-3786.

Yours in music,

Sara George, OYA Competition Chair